



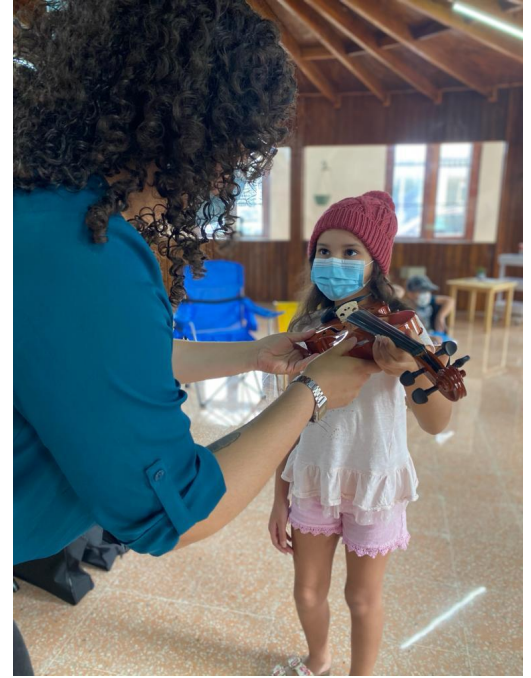
Wildflower Schools

At Wildflower Schools, we are planting the seeds
for a **new type of school.**











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The Wildflower School Model



Wildflower microschoools – each ~20-30 kids and two teachers – provide caring, individualized learning environments for children across a 3-year age band (e.g. infants and toddlers, 3-6 year olds, 1st-3rd grades, 4th-6th grades, junior high, and high school) across the United States and in Puerto Rico.



Wildflower schools use time-tested, research-based, authentic Montessori methods. Studies shows positive impact a) across domains - academic, social emotional and executive function; b) for children across income and racial/ethnic groupings; c) over the long-term.



Wildflower invites educators to start and lead 1-2 room schools as social entrepreneurs and community organizers, and to join a network of kindred spirits. The Wildflower Foundation provides startup funding, tools and support. Leading a Wildflower school is a challenging role, but it comes with more autonomy and professional recognition than typical teaching roles, allows for substantially higher salaries and results in much higher job satisfaction and retention.

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Our microschools start small and remain small to:

- Reduce education bureaucracy that inhibits innovation, flexibility and responsiveness
- Allow decisions to be made closest to the ground by the educators and parents who are directly impacted
- Create seamless learning communities where parents are a part of the school and lessons carry over into the family home; and where schools are a visible, embedded part of the community, not isolated from it
- Increase teachers' ability to observe and respond to the needs and learning styles of every child



Wildflower creates intentionally diverse communities of students and families, reflecting the economic diversity of our country. On average, 40% of students come from a low income background. Children of color comprise 53% of our student body and nearly 50% of our teachers are people of color.

Types of Schools



	How it works (target age range)
District	Organized as innovation schools and housed at perimeter of traditional buildings or as satellites. (Ages 3+ in most communities)
Charter	Parallel one-room sites operating under an umbrella charter, with an internal MOU to establish teacher autonomy and shared back office support across schools. (Ages 5+ for full funding in most communities; younger in some places)
Private / government partnerships	Independent 501c3 entities, supported by a mix of sliding scale tuition, contracted slots, family controlled childcare subsidies and local universal pre-k initiatives. (Ages 0-4 in most communities, with some states offering vouchers for older children)
Institutional partnerships	Independent entities, receiving direct funding and potential in-kind support (e.g., space) from partner corp./non-profit in exchange for reserved spots. (Most likely for ages 0-4, but possible for older children)

